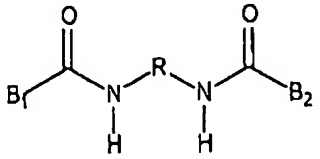
AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

The following claim set replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) Process for preparing a high-molecular weight polyamide, polyester, copolyester, copolyamide or polyester-amide block copolymer comprising ~~by~~ melt-mixing a polyamide, ~~a~~ polyester, copolyesters or a mixture or mixtures of a polyamide and/or a polyester having a lower molecular weight, than the polymer obtained with the process of the invention, with ~~an~~ a diisocyanate, wherein the diisocyanate is a blocked diisocyanate having the following formula



wherein R = linear, branched or cycloaliphatic C_2-C_{20} or aromatic C_6-C_{20} and B_1, B_2 = caprolactam, imidazole, dimethyl-pyrazole, triazole, oxim, malonic acid ester, ethylacetylacetonate, phenol, cresol, aliphatic alcohol, secondary amine, or hydroxyl benzoic acid methyl ester, and wherein the polyamide, polyester, copolyesters or a mixture of mixtures of polyamide and/or polyester having a lower molecular weight comprises amino or hydroxyl end groups.

2. (Currently Amended) Process according to Claim 1, wherein the blocked diisocyanate is present in an amount ~~use is made~~ of 0.005 to 4 wt.% ~~of the blocked diisocyanate,~~ relative to the polyamide, the polyester, the

copolyester or the mixture or mixtures of polyamide and/or polyester having a lower molecular weight ~~both~~.

3. (Previously Presented) Process of claim 1, wherein the melt mixing is done in an extruder.

4. (Original) Process of claim 3 wherein the extruder is a twin-screw extruder.